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SUBJ: RHODESIA: BOTSWANA MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON

SALISBURY AGREEMENT

1. MARCH 7 DAILY NEWS CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH GOB MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ARCHIE MOGWE, MADE SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL BACK HOME FROM NEW YORK NAMIBIA TALKS AND OAU BUDGET SESSION IN TRIPOLI (PROBABLY THE DAY PREVIOUS).

2. CONCERNING THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT, MOGWE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IF SITHOLE, MUZOREWA, CHIRAU AND SMITH ARE MEETING TO FORGE A COMMON POSITION IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH UK AND PF, THEN NOBODY WOULD CONDEMN THEIR TALKS. BUT, IF THEY SEEK A SOLUTION WHICH EXCLUDES THE PF, THEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FIGHTING WILL BECOME WORSE." "IT WILL BE STEPPED UP*", HE EXCLAIMED.

3. HE NOTED THAT THE THREE AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITIES, BUT ARE NOW IN A SINGLE GROUP WITH SMITH, WITH A COMMON POINT OF VIEW. "HOW THEN CAN ONE OF THEM WANT TO ADDRESS INTERNATIONAL BODIES LIKE THE OAU OR UN AS

INDIVIDUAL PARTIES?" HE WAS QUOTED AS ASKING. AS ILLUSTRATION,
HE POINTED OUT THAT ZANU AND ZAPU ARE IDENTIFIABLE GROUPS
BUT SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
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